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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk & Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

> Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Docket No. 2012-9-E

Dear Ms. Boyd,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the filing request in the above referenced Docket by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") for an extension of an additional thirty (30) days in which to file its IRP.

The Company states this request is precipitated by the delay in the timeliness in approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of SCE&G's application for a combined construction and operating license ("COL") for its new nuclear units. In addition, this delay in issuance of the COL has resulted in modifications to the expected completion dates of the units. It is ORS's understanding that the construction schedule of these new units is a critical element of the Company's IRP and that a further thirty (30) extension is appropriate and will allow for inclusion of these recent events in the projections of the IRP.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely. well an

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